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THE CONVENTION.

After a three weeks' rest this body assembled again on the 22nd inst., and have been on duty since "at the old stand." Mr. Cameron did not consume the first day in snap-shots at Mr. Wysox, and for this he has at least our congratulations. The work of the Convention is of too much moment to be frittered away in mere personal encounters in debate. The gentlemen are both good speakers, and no one is surprised to read something bright and smart from them, but these things do not make away with Underwood nor make something purely Virginian. And is not time wasted on that preamble? Let old King George rest, and deal with living men and measures.

Why more time should be wasted on the subject of asking incompetents to endorse their own incompetency, is to us passing strange. The Hon. Carter Glass, we hoped, had disposed of this whole matter by simply pronouncing it "idiotic." It is nothing less. Dismiss it and go to work.

It is expected from now and on that reports from different committees will be in sufficient number before the body to keep the orators wagging and everybody thinking. Let there be full and free discussion, unrestricted interchange of opinion, but just as little of mere "norating" as reputations of embryo statesmen demand. Virginians love a good speech, and good speakers are ever in demand, but good speakers are not given to bobbing up on all occasions nor to remaining up for undue length of time when the proper occasion has called them up.

Take your time, gentlemen, but remember it is people's time a ter all, and besure not to waste it.

WELL SAID.

"Admiral Sampson's friends should be satisfied with the fact that their favorite obtained the prize money won in a battle in which he did not participate in and that his face is to grace a medal that is to commemorate a fight in which he did not take part. It should be sufficient for them that Admiral Schley has never made any claim as to his part in the great battle in Santiago bay; that he has been content for the newspaper correspondent and other witnesses to give the facts to the American people. The difficulty is that these statements have convinced the American people that Schley was the real hero of the day and entitled to all the honors at the hands of a grateful people, even though he is denied the emoluments in the way of prize money and medals."—W. JENNINGS BRYAN.

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY BILL.

What does it mean? Stripped of techniques, this only; that a railroad corporation has no more right to kill an employee than it has to kill a passenger. To the man of ordinary common sense and of every day affairs this looks to be just and right. The brakeman's life is as dear to him and to his family as that of the bondholder to him and his.

And yet some people will be found to complain of the Democratic platform for the reason that it recognizes that all men have equal claims to life and limb. To please everybody will ever remain among the impossibilities.

Evidently the potato crop of the country is distressingly short, and yet, we are told, that we Virginia folks are selling out to Northern buyers as though we had the "earth." Those Yankees are smart, and in the spring will make us smart at the tune of two dollars a bushel. We of the South could be the most independent people beneath the stars if we would be. There is no need known to man we could not supply, and yet twice a year our merchants go North to buy goods and in between times the rest of us burden the mails with orders. This is self-imposed slavery which should not longer be endured.

Clerk Button has been boasting of late that Tom Martin, "his friend," has "a majority of the State Committee," by the neck, we presume, and in this connection we are forced to say that Clerk Button's "friend" is not a friend of the Democratic voters of Virginia. They have "set on" him; and if he doesn't know it they will mash him. And one of the most effectual ways of doing this is to get rid of his sympathizers in office. The new legislature should be elected with reference to this in part. It would be well to begin this weeding out process with the clerk himself.

Americans from the New England and Middle States registered at a hotel in London, England, "got their backs up," the other day, because the landlord had agreed to entertain some colored folks from America, who were to visit that great city as members of an International Convention. These same Yankees at home are constantly prating about negro rights, equality, etc. Hypocrites of deepest dye!

It is right difficult sometimes to kill some snakes. And the same is true of some politicians. They will not down at people's bidding. A good snake killer, however, always gets his game. He simply keeps on knocking until every joint refuses to wiggle. Let the people of Virginia learn from the successful snake killer. It's a good and useful lesson to learn. The great body of the people must rule in this State and not a boss. Let Tammany and Pennsylvania do as they will, but as for Virginia let it ever remain true that her Sic Semper Tyrannis applies as much to would-be bosses as it does to would-be tyrants.

If Governor Tyler is wise he will return to his home, in the Southwest, at the expiration of his term of office as governor of Virginia, with the determination of acting the part of private citizen for the remaining days allotted to him on earth. He has had his full share of public pap, and should be willing to give the other fellows a chance. The grace and good temper with which he yielded to oft-repeated defeat, finally won for him the governorship. Now let him accept retirement to private life in the same gracious spirit and all's well. Further struggle for recognition will make cloudy the evening of life.

Now that the Democratic party of Virginia has taken up the subject of good roads we confidently expect a mending of our ways. It is folly to say that we as a people cannot make and maintain good roads.

As well say that the average father cannot feed and clothe his children, or that a strong man can't make a living.

We can't afford to own horses and vehicles unless we can afford to have good roads. Away with the suggestions that Virginians are too poor or too unmanly to have good roads.

The Richmond Times to the contrary notwithstanding, we still insist that personal property in the country is much more carefully looked after by the tax gatherer than is property of like kind in our cities. The reason for this is not hard to give. Personal property in the country is generally in sight, that in the cities generally "is out of sight." The one kind roams in open fields, the other rests behind steel barriers. It is folly to say that evidence of debt should not be taxed.

No, no; brother of the Newport News Herald, there is no such "bitterness" following the recent convention at Norfolk as will in any wise interfere with Democratic success in Virginia.

In Prince Edward the anti-convention divisions were as pronounced as could ever be elsewhere, and now all are Montague men, not the "original" variety, but just as loyal and just as true.

Sore heads returned home from Roanoke, but none from Norfolk.

One of the speakers in the recent Roanoke Republican Convention congratulated his co-members that the "body was so near being altogether white." But there are different hues of whiteness and none of the "lily white" of Cyclone Jim's hand was to be seen in the Roanoke gathering. But one negro "opened his word to speak one mouth" in the body, and he was so "soon done for" that he has been wondering ever since "why he was begun for" at all.

Miss Maude Coleman Woods, who was recently pronounced to be the leading beauty of America of the blonde type, by a committee of which Chauncey Depew was member, died on last Saturday evening at the home of a kinsman, in the county of Albemarle, from the effect of a violent case of typhoid fever.

Those who knew her tell us that she was as beautiful in character as she was in person.

The Newport News Herald is right in saying:

"If the primary plan is properly drawn and properly applied, a government in Virginia by the people, of the people and for the people is assured, and we have seen the last of government for the ring and of the ring and by the ring."

The people can be relied on to beat Tom Martin everytime. And that's glory enough for any one campaign.

The one sensible thing said in the Roanoke Convention was spoken by Col. Browning of Pocahontas: "The only way to defeat Mr. Montague is by offering to the Virginia people a better business administration than he can give them," &c. Col. Browning knew then and knows now that Hampton and his following can't do that, and that a man is a "born idiot" who imagines any such thing.

Mrs. Nation's newest crusade or craze is to attempt to break up the smoke habit by forcing cigars from the mouths of smokers she meets with on the streets. She tried it on one lover of the weed the other day and received a stunning slap in return. Rude women may expect rudeness in return, not from all men but from some men.

A New York judge recently announced that it was found impossible to try a homicide case in the summer time for the want of a proper jury. This means that most everybody goes a touring from the great city of New York in the summer time. McKinley prosperity.

No, Virginia Democracy is by no means perfect, but is so infinitely better than Virginia Republicanism that he who runs may read it and the fool knows it. And no one knows this better than does J. Hampton Hoge.

What disgust must have seized upon veterans Walker and Rosser when the honors were handed over to J. Hampton.

We very much wish that our people would remember "that beauty and propriety of aspect in town and country form as real part of the national wealth as any material product," and then our houses would be better painted, our trees better trimmed and our roads better worked.

The N. Y. World says that "the dinner pail is dented slightly on the sides in the strike section." And with other and many dents it will hold the laborer's meal if this folly continues. In the mean time Morgan will continue to eat 3 full, square meals.

The Baltimore American is 128 years old, and yet shows no signs of decay. The first edition of the paper is in striking contrast to its present form and make up. Times move and newspapers, those like the American, keep pace with the Father.

If the Republicans in Virginia are no longer to recognize the "brother in black," the best thing for him to do is to quit politics, stay at home if he has one, and if he hasn't one go to work and buy one. This is good advice and doesn't cost a cent.

President McKinley owns a farm, and recently dined with his manager on the farm. We venture the opinion that it was one of the best dinners he has had in a long time. And don't you know the good wife of the manager "spread herself?"

Mr. McKinley with guests visiting him at Canton, spent a recent Sunday "taking a jaunt to the country, lunching at a country inn," and having a good time generally. Take care, Mr. President, you are too much of a Methodist for that.

Hoge is an honored name in Virginia, but as it takes so slight a change to convert it into Hogue, that one of the name prefers to write his Hogue. A Republican white man in Virginia by any other name would be as much of a weed.

A Frenchman died in the State of Louisiana recently at the ripe old age of 113 years. He is said to have been fond of a good joke. He simply laughed and lived on. That's pleasant tonic. Take it and you will feel better and live longer.

J. Hampton Hoge said to the Convention of kindred spirits, "My pa wrote the first line on the subject of universal suffrage," and yet Hampton and his crowd said by their action at Roanoke, "No nigger in our wood-pile."

All this premature burying of Mr. Bryan moves the Nashville American to say: "In all funeral proceedings it is well to have the consent of the gentleman in the hearse." Just so, and may be Mr. Bryan won't keep still.

We very much regret to learn that Rev. Peyton Hoge, D. D., should have consented to officiate at the marriage of that man, Flagler. The whole affair is repulsive and offensive to decent people.

Judge Lewis is no doubt happy in the thought they didn't make a fool of me. Stick to your briefs, Judge, and continue to enjoy the good opinion, respect and confidence of all Virginia.

"Bad government," said Mr. Montague, "is due not so much to the energy or ability of bad men as to the inactivity or neglect of good men." Good men to your duty!

The King of England is paid about \$5,000 a day. The President of the United States \$185.08 and a mill or two. The one is ruler of 400,000,000 the other of about 80,000,000.

We have no idea that Col. Browning, the rich coal man of the Southwest, would entrust his business affairs to the management of the ticket named at Roanoke.

When it is remembered that our wage earners are paid well nigh twice as much as those of any other nation this striking business is all out of order.

It was said of a citizen who recently died in the city of Baltimore, that "he abhorred politics when pursued as a business." We "see where he was right."

The great ocean steamers can't begin to accommodate the sea-going public. Remedy—let Americans stay at home.

As one result of the strike the price of tin has gone up \$3 a box. It's right hard to down the rich.

"Yankee" Allan was not a pet of the Roanoke Convention. They actually shut the door in his face.

It is said that Li Hung Chang needs cash. And so do we. Nothing remarkable about that.

Out with the contingent fund report. No matter where the chips fly let the ax do full duty.

So it seems that Blair is too young to leave home for the mansion in Richmond.

Lord Bacon said: "A liar is a bravo toward God and a coward toward men."

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